

APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes:	Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting:	June 14, 2004
Time of Meeting:	7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL &
PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

Present: Rene Briones, Fred Zeise, Nawal Stanojevic, Miljon Buquing
Staff: Vice-Mayor Dixon, Janice Nadal, Joe Oliva

Absent: Chair Bill Reisinger, Larry Litchford

Quorum was established.

Commissioner Briones chaired the meeting and led the Commission and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements from the Commissioners.

Vice-Mayor Dixon announces the following items:

- Reminder of the official grand opening for the completion of the Tasman East/Capitol Light Rail is on Wednesday, June 23, 11:30 am. The event will be at the new Great Mall Station and Bus Transfer Station.
- The financial support was awarded to fill the unfunded gap near Horcajo Circle for the 680 Soundwall Project.
- The Abel/Calaveras Intersection near 237/880, will receive 50% from the VTA's Measure B funds to redo the pavement on the road to make it safer for pedestrians. Funds are from the 237/880 Landscaping Project which is on hold due funding issues for the 40+ acres of landscaping (\$4-5M project). The VTA recommended to the VTA Board of Directors to reallocate the funding to the Abel/Calaveras
- As the City begins to develop Midtown, there will be major physical changes to the streetscaping so the Abel/Calaveras Intersection along with the Midtown Corridor will get a much-needed facelift.

Staff Janice Nadal announced there is a Commissioner's Recognition Event-July 23. Please mail in their confirmation/dinner choice.

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE
AGENDA**

Staff Joe Oliva requested the Commission to move the item under Topics, Report on Public Awareness, Bicycle Map on the City of Milpitas Website Update, to the beginning of Topics. Staff Alan Rich from the City's Information Service department had a computer presentation ready for discussion

MOTION to approve the June 14, 2004 agenda with Staff recommendations to move the Bicycle Map on the City of Milpitas Website Update as the first item under Topics.

M/S: Stanojevic/Zeise

All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION to approve the minutes of April 12, 2004, with changes

Item II, Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Nadal will change the meeting minutes to reflect the attendance of Commissioner Nawal Stanojevic. She was accidentally not included in the minutes.

M/S: Zeise approves minutes with amendments/ Stanojevic

All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Rob Means, 1421 Yellowstone, on behalf of Personal Rapid Transit (PRT), would like the Commission to agendize the 2-stroke internal combustion engines for gas bicycles and scooters. A lot of folks complain about the noise, but there is also pollution equaling 100 cars worth of pollution. Since there is an alternate technology such as electric bikes, Mr. Means suggests the City Council should prohibit two-stroke engines. Mr. Means suggests this item the Commission may want to discuss.

Mr. Means distributed a brochure regarding an Electrical Bicycles Loan Program he received from Monterey. This may be a good program in Milpitas for staff to use between City buildings. Staff received for file.

Rich Withers, Sunnyvale Resident and employee in the Gateway Industrial Park in Fremont stated he would like to see a connection between Milpitas and Fremont from Dixon Landing Road on the West side of 880 to the southern end of Fremont Blvd. There is only one-legal entry from Sunnyvale, through Fremont Blvd. When he passes from Dixon Landing he sees that he is 6/10th of a mile a way, but he must travel 8 miles to travel around, because there is no connection. He has been working with the Fremont Bicycle Committee, but is not sure what the priority is on their list of projects. Mr. Withers understands there is water in the way, private and public lands, including a number of other obstructions. Mr. Withers states part of the issue was when the McCarthy Blvd extension closed part of this gap, now the one that goes from the edge of Milpitas into Fremont stands out like a sore thumb.

Vice Mayor Dixon mentioned this has been acknowledged and the Fremont Bicycle Committee joined the Milpitas BTAC in the Fall 2003 at a meeting to discuss this item. The Chair of BTAC has also wanted to continue the loop. Vice-Mayor Dixon requests Mr. Withers to forward contact information to staff. Mr. Oliva stated we have been in contact with Mr. Withers. Mr. Oliva also noted the City of Fremont does have a general plan roadway that connects Fremont Blvd down to McCarthy through the King/Lion Industrial property. At this point and time, there really hasn't been a demand for industrial property. Without the building of the property, they will not be building a roadway, which makes a public link for motor vehicles and cyclists.

Mr. Withers stated he met with Caltrans and there was discussion of alternate paths such as levees and other non-road paths. Mr. Withers heard from Jim Stallmen, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, mentioning the City of San Jose has a free bridge, though the length of the bridge is unknown and the cost of construction is not funded.

Mr. Withers stated that Fremont wants to get funding to do a feasibility study and this project is on the Baytrail list of projects.

Vice-Mayor recommends to agendize this item for the next BTAC meeting, when the Chair is returned, and staff has more information

Commissioner Briones suggests this topic be a regular discussion item on the agenda.

Mr. Oliva suggested staff ask Fremont to join the next meeting to update the Commission on the progress and discuss what steps are necessary for this project.

VII. TOPICS

Report on Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Piedmont Road Bicycle Lane Closure

Staff Mr. Oliva distributed a detour map of the lane closure at Piedmont Road. The southbound lane will be closed on Piedmont Road between Yosemite Drive and Landess Avenue beginning October 1 through November 22. This information is preliminary; staff is aware that there will be an installation of a 92" water pipe including a grade-separated section. The detour is Yosemite Drive to Sequoia Drive to Yellowstone Avenue, to Landess.

It is legal for bicyclists to travel through the construction zone, but for safety purposes, the City will suggest the mentioned detour.

Staff will notify the public via standard media- City website, TV, radio, Milpitas POST. Vice-Mayor Dixon requested individual notification to the residences of the area.

Vice-Mayor Dixon asked how to provide info to San Jose Commuters. Joe said staff would notify the VTA BPAC to share this information with regional commuters.

Signage will be available.

Staff will provide an update and the purpose of the construction at the next meeting.

Commissioner Briones wanted more information on the Piedmont Widening. Staff will provide more information on the widening.

Union Pacific (UP) Pedestrian Overcrossing Update

Mr. Oliva informed staff that they will be sending legal agreements to Solectron, Lifescan, and the Mills Corporation. There is progress albeit slow.

Vice Mayor Dixon said developers for homes are looking at the Waukesha property. Through the City's Transportation Subcommittee, we will be recommending to the council additional funding to bring in a consultant to work on a Transit Area Plan for the area near the multimodal transportation centers. We will include these type of companies in future development. The Transit Area Plan process will be similar to the Midtown Planning process.

Report on Safety

There were no agenda items for this topic. The Commission took this opportunity to ask staff questions on current safety-related topics in the City.

Vice-Mayor Dixon asked if there was paving to be done on Park Victoria between Yellowstone and Landess. There are markings on the road as if there will be paving to be done soon. Currently the pavement is very uneven and rough. Where is it on the priority list?

Staff will report back to the Commission via email regarding this.

Commissioner Briones shared a concern for children bicycle helmet safety. He would like to do some type of outreach, possibly during back to school time for Fall 2004.

Vice-Mayor Dixon will route to the City/School Communication Committee to notify the Chief of Police.

Commissioner Buquing added some cities have signage that says under 18 must wear helmets.

Staff can work on safety and bring in the helmet information for this year's school safety/suggested routes to school program. The Commission had ideas of outreach including a back to school night informational session.

Commissioner Zeise wanted to know the date on bicycle accidents with/without helmet. Staff will research and update.

REPORT ON PUBLIC AWARENESS

BIKE TO WORK DAY

Bike to Work Day was Thursday, May 20th. There were over 85 cyclists that visited the 3 energizer stations in Milpitas. It was a very successful event. Ms. Nadal brought over the bike messenger bags and T-shirts for the committee.

BIKE MAP ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE UPDATE

This item was moved to the beginning of Topics

Ms. Nadal introduced Alan Rich, Geographic Information Services Manager, with the City's Information Services Department. Mr. Rich presented to the Commission a sample Bicycle Map site on the City's website.

The map was modeled from the physical map that was updated in August 2003. Mr. Rich would like to add interactive features on the map.

Mr. Rich showed the features and tools from the map. He will take the ideas from tonight and come back at a later meeting with a more robust page. The sample map is under construction on the City's internal website; it is not available on the City's public site. In the future, this could be placed on the public site with a password for Commissioners to view the progress.

Some features include:

- Park features; include a search Criteria to find parks
- Historical Sites
- Shopping centers
- printing capability (without headers/borders/etc)
- Highlight route information from point A to B (this might be a little too advanced)
- Show Light Rail and Bus transfer center
- Routes
- Bike Paths
- Information tagged into the bicycle routes (need information from the map or the City)
- Civic centers
- Public Buildings
- Dixon- link to Safe Routes to School maps for each school

Commissioner Zeise suggests to currently place the static map on the website to at least have a map on the City's site.

Ms. Nadal will forward Mr. Rich the current Bicycle map and BTAC logo in pdf form.

Based on Commissioner Briones suggestion, Ms. Nadal will forward an email to the Commissioners for suggestions on features for the Bicycle Map on the website.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Briones would like to discuss an Education program for children's helmet use for the next meeting. Ms. Nadal If not the beginning of the school year but in April (bike to work month in May).

Art & Wine Festival, August 21 & 22

Staff will notify the Commission via email on participation at the Milpitas Art & Wine Festival. In the past, BTAC hosted a booth and bicycle corral. This will be on Milpitas Blvd.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

M/S: Stanojevic/Zeise

All Ayes

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ASSIGNMENT SHEET

Vice-Mayor Dixon

Route to the City/School Communication Committee to notify the Chief of Police of BTAC's interest in helmet or general bicycle safety outreach to school-age students (elementary grades)

Janice Nadal:

Contact City of Fremont Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to discuss joint bicycle connection projects between Fremont and Milpitas

Forward Bicycle Map information to Alan Rich, Information Services.

Research the following construction information:

- Piedmont Road Bicycle Lane Closure
- Park Victoria between Yellowstone and Landess construction

Coordinate the Art & Wine Festival and BTAC involvement. Report via email.